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Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership undermines the democratic principles that our society is based upon. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership in response to how totalitarian regimes used media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules run counter to the principle of diverse and unfettered communication that so many Americans have fought to defend.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes. I can only surmise that, due to the lack of publicity combined with a very short public comment period, you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I did not become informed of the situation by your agency.

It is shameful that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as its guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few corporations. These corporations are profit-based enterprises focused on the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy. It's your job; to make sure that, whenever they come into conflict, the American people's goals of freedom take precedence over corporate goals for profit.

Sincerely yours,



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